

Willie Blount to Andrew Jackson, February 6, 1815, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

Nashville, February 6, 1815.

Dear Sir, Whilst I was at home plagued a little with my old complaint I recd. yours after the Battle of the 23d Decr. and I felt gratified at the gallant conduct of Genl. Coffee and his brave companions, and altho' I wished that the Enemy would afford you an opportunity of shewing face to face I was mortified and much regretted that your orders thrice given to fill up the Bayo so as to prevent the landing of the Enemy were not obeyed. that non-compliance looked a little squally but still as they were on land I did not regret that they had landed feeling confident of the result of a general Battle. all your arrangements for defence bespeak you the General and the patriot, and your Battle of the 8th ult. manifests to the world that you and your brave men are genuine Heros—for such conduct you and they deserve every good here and hereafter. you have immortalized yourselves, and I rejoice that the good work of saving a valuable country has fallen to the lot of an inhabitant of Tenn. and her brave sons in conjunction with our brave and patriotic neighbours of Kentucky and the lower country. your whole force including regulars are natives of this section of the Union. what are the Enemy about now since their retreat? Governor Shelby the patriot has recommended it to his Assembly to call out and hold ready for service to be well armed, equipt and supplied at the expense of the State 10,000 men for a six months tour to act under your command if needed—how magnanimous is such conduct? I have no doubt but that the Assembly will comply with his recommendation. About the middle of Jany. 1500 of the Enemy landed at Point Peter on St. Mary's and took that place from a Capt. who commanded there. 1 we don't know the particulars. Genl. Foyd commands 2000 militia at Savannah. I don't know what force that is unless it be Col.

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Niccolls, Woodbine and his runaways from Pensacola who you started from there. the last advices from the London head talk strongly of war vigorous war with America on a grand scale. Pakenham was expected to make a figure on that scale. If Wellington was to come he would soon be Pakenhamed—they are all alike—trash when opposed to our folks, but they certainly are brave. they don't conjer enough to bring their good luck with them. we understand here that the Kentuckians with you behaved bravely. Genl. Adair is considered a brave and skillful Genl.—I was glad when I heard that he was to accompany the Kentucky Troops. I hope that Genl. Gaines is with you before this. Pray let me know how your health is. I believe I wrote you some days ago Judge White had resigned. 2 I expect Parsons will succeed him. nothing late from Ghent nor Vienna.

1 Referring to the British attack on Point Petre, Cumberland Island, Ga., Jan. 13, 1815.

2 Hugh L. White resigned from the supreme court of Tennessee, and became president of the Bank of Tennessee.

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